

REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, 9-12, 14, and 15 are pending in the application upon entry of the amendments. Claims 4 and 9 have been amended to better describe the invention. Claims 1-3, 6-8, and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice to expedite allowance of the application. Favorable reconsideration in light of the amendments and the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter and Amendments

The Examiner's indication that the subject matter of claims 4, 5, 9-11, 12, 14, and 15 is allowable is noted with appreciation. Claim 9 has been amended into independent form. Claim 4 has been amended to correct a typographical error. The amendments do not narrow the scope of these claims.

The Rejections

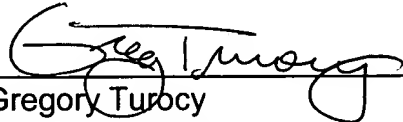
Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Wenzel et al. Claims 1 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Castillo et al. Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Lanzendorfer et al. Claims 3, 8, and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Since claims 1-3, 6-8, and 13 have been cancelled, these rejections are rendered moot.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Respectfully submitted,

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